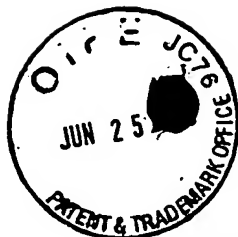


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Sir:

In response to the May 27, 2003 Office Action in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant elects the invention of Group I (claim 1), with traverse, since insufficient evidence demonstrates that the pending claims do not relate to a single inventive concept.

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